



# MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 2 DEPT.: / City Clerk's Office

DATE: June 1, 2005

## ACTION:

Recognition of Grant Russell, the Grand Prize Winner of the 2005 Rockville "If I Were Mayor" essay contest, and presentation of certificates to thirteen other participants from various participating Rockville elementary schools.

## ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 6/6/06

INTRODUCED  
PUB. HEARING  
INSTRUCTIONS  
APPROVED  
EFFECTIVE

ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,  
CHAPTER  
SECTION

☐ CONSENT AGENDA

## RECOMMENDATION:

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

## BACKGROUND:

The MML and the MMA invited all fourth grade students throughout Maryland to participate in a statewide essay contest entitled, "If I Were Mayor." This year's theme was centered on budget constraints and how to solve budget problems while not cutting back on city services.

To promote the contest, the Mayor sent a letter to all public and private elementary schools in Rockville asking invite their fourth grade classes to participate. The schools that participated were: Beall, Christ Episcopal, College Gardens, Fallsmead, Maryvale, Meadow Hall, Ritchie Park, St. Elizabeth's and Twinbrook.

Grant Russell of St. Elizabeth's School was selected by MML as the winner from MML District No. 5 (Montgomery and Howard Counties). In addition to recognizing Grant as the MML winner, the Mayor selected thirteen essays that he would like to recognize with an "honorable mention," as follows:

**BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Cory Anderson  
Mai Suwanwitaya  
Sanchari Rahman

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL - Sidney Waselenko**

**COLLEGE GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Jackson DeFriece  
Marilyn Rodriguez  
Tandis Hamidzadeh

**MARYVALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Katherine Pineda  
Latasia Wilson

**MEADOW HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Alana Berry  
Brandon Ford

**ST ELIZABETH'S**

Luke Woodside

Submitted By: Brenda Bean

Date: June 1, 2005



**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

Copies of certificate and winning essay written by Grant Russell.

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

*Presented to*

**Grant Russell**

*Grand Prize Winner of the "If I Were Mayor"  
Essay Contest*

Rockville's Mayor for a Day - May 25, 2005

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Mayor Larry Giammo

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey  
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.  
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann  
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

# DISTRICT 5 WINNER

Grant Russell

St. Elizabeth

Mr. Howley

If I were mayor, I would only allow twelve houses to be built a month so that we do not develop too many houses. To help save money, I would get rid of leaf removal and have a once a week trash and recycle pick up instead of two. If someone takes the trash to the dump for someone else, they would get posted in the newspaper.

There would be a day called Community Day where people volunteer to work at libraries, fire stations, and help clean-up parks. There would be a neighbourhood watch program to help protect people so there would only have to be a two man police force, which would also help save money but still protect people.

I would raise fees for parking spaces in the area to help repair road services and sidewalks.

I would have a Friday of no school or work once in the Fall and once in the Spring so kids and parents can volunteer to clean up and plant flowers at the park.

When I would save enough money by changing things, I would spend the extra money on basketball courts, soccer fields, tennis courts, swimming pools and other recreational places for the city to use. If there is any money left over, I would build a storm tower to notify if a storm is near.

I would put a section in the newspaper every week telling people about what is going on in the city.

I would be a very responsible mayor and very caring about what is going on in the city.